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Immigration Attorney Gallagher: Legal Champion of her Clients

by Letty Wilson Bonnell

“I laugh really hard and I cry really hard with my clients,” says Anna Gallagher as she reflects on her career as an immigration attorney for over three decades. “I don’t think I have ever had a client that I did not have a good laugh with ... you always have to look for the light – it’s there – and the resilience of folks is pretty amazing.”

Gallagher is currently executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which supports immigration services, including legal representation, for more than 470 nonprofits across the country.

One aspect of their mission is to “promote the dignity of immigrants by ensuring access to affordable legal services.” And, as the daughter of immigrants, Gallagher has made the pursuit of immigration and refugee law not just her career – but her passion. “My parents are immigrants



Anna Gallagher

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from Donegal [Ireland] who taught me that all of us have dignity. In Philadelphia, the world I lived in as a child was made up of people that were not formally educated and had come from places where there was no electricity or running water – but they were dignified ... I feel really fortunate because sometimes it takes living something to understand it. I think I said this to my mother last year, ‘You know, I went into immigration law because of you.’”

Gallagher earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and Latin American studies from Temple University in 1984. In 1987, she received her doctorate in law from the Antioch University School of Law, which is now part of the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia. “I

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Two Blockbuster Films Fill Movie House All Weekend

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) had a blockbuster opening weekend of Barbie and Oppenheimer – or Barbenheimer – as the simultaneous release of the two films has become known online.

It’s unusual that two blockbusters were released simultaneously. Perhaps the films were expected to appeal to very different groups of theatergoers, suggests OGT Executive Director Caitlin McGrath. However, the juxtaposition of the polar-opposite movies was funny, clever memes proliferated online, “and then they leaned into it really hard and it became a double-header,” says McGrath.

An Arthouse Theater

OGT tends not to show as many mainstream films and particularly not on their opening weekend. The reasons are multiple but primary among them is that it’s an arthouse



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Executive Director of Old Greenbelt Theatre Caitlin McGrath poses with her husband Oliver Gaycken outside the theater in attire representative of the two incongruous blockbuster movies that screened all weekend.

theater. In a way, Barbie and Oppenheimer are arthouse films that gained mainstream appeal and avoided being labeled as such by eschewing the festival circuit, getting a lot of press and avoiding alienating potential right-wing viewers. Barbie’s director, Greta Gerwig, creates indie films, which have been shown at the theater when they were released, including Lady Bird and Little Women. Christopher Nolan, the director of Oppenheimer, is known for Hollywood blockbusters, but also films with interesting structures and complex messages. Films he’s previously directed that have been shown at OGT include Tenet and Dunkirk. “Oppenheimer is an anti-war movie, but they wanted everyone to be interested in it so they marketed it as a

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Community Orchestra Begins Rehearsals with Diverse Group

by Melissa Sites

With 55 members and counting, Greenbelt Community Orchestra has started rehearsals at the Community Center. On Thursday, July 20, 18 string players met for their first rehearsal with conductors Derek Maseloff and Seth Glabman. With one high school student and 12 members over 60, the group has a wide range of participants, and nearly half are Greenbelters.

Both conductors brought pieces in different styles, all emphasizing that playing music together

should be a source of enjoyment. Glabman, a teacher, composer, performer and scholar, shared an original piece with the new orchestra: Soundscape Rhapsody #1, a dramatic piece that he wrote with the objective that everyone would have fun playing it. Glabman also led the musicians through Mozart’s Impresario overture, saying, “It’s a can’t miss piece. No matter what you do it’ll sound good.” He teaches general and instrumental music at Forest Knolls and Viers Mill

Elementary Schools in Montgomery County.

A Greenbelt resident, Maseloff is a horn player and works internationally running programs for young emerging professional musicians, including an opera program at the Estates Theatre in Prague, the last building standing in Europe where Mozart actually

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PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

Derek Maseloff conducts the strings at the first Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearsal on Thursday, July 20.

What Goes On

Monday, July 31

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: City Manager Quarterly Update, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 2
7 p.m., Special Meeting: Selection of New City Manager and Approval of Contract, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (stakeholder), Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.

Rare Weather Phenomenon Startles Greenbelt Woman

by Sandy Rodgers



PHOTO BY SANDY RODGERS

Judy Parker shows where the ball lightning appeared in her living room.

Judy Parker was sitting quietly on her sofa reading in the living room of her GHI home on Ridge Road near Laurel Hill Road on Friday, June 30. Her Senegal parrot Nori was chattering in her cage nearby. It was late afternoon and a storm was rolling through. With the sound of what she described as “the loudest crack of thunder she’d ever heard,” she looked up and saw a strange light in front of the hutch that holds

her television set. She described it as a yellow-gold disc, “like a slice of sunshine,” not on the hutch, but in front of it. It was about two feet in diameter, she said, and it hovered above the ground for about two to three seconds before disappearing. Parker wasn’t sure what she’d seen and she didn’t have time to react before it was gone. She sat there perplexed, wondering what

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Letters to the Editor

241 Lastner Lane: Some Questions

It is a shame no notice was given to the community by WSSC about their plans for 241 Lastner Lane.

As you know, the 241 Lastner Lane residential property transferred to WSSC on June 27, 2023. Today [Friday, July 21] Adirondack Tree Services is actively removing trees from 241 Lastner with a crane (and in the process is knocking into city trees on the Lastner right-of-way).

Has WSSC communicated its plans to the city yet?

Note, I submitted an email inquiry to DPIE on July 10 about whether a raze permit has been submitted for the property. I have not yet received a response to my question.

DPIE is using a new permit system (Momentum). The search feature which would allow the public to stay abreast of permit applications has not yet been activated.

Hopefully, council will ask DPIE the following questions prior to the upcoming workses-

sion scheduled for August 9.

Has a raze (or any other type of) permit been submitted for 241 Lastner? If yes, what is the status?

How does the county ensure residential property demolition is handled in a safe manner and at no risk to neighboring properties?

Who should constituents contact if they do not receive a response in a timely manner?

I anticipate reaching out to County Councilmember Watson’s office if no response is forthcoming.

Molly Lester

Safety for Old People

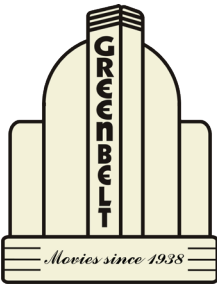
The Do Not Walk light across Ridge Road from Green Ridge House has been out of order for over three months.

Bill Norwood

Maglev Petition

There is a pro-maglev petition being circulated on various on-line platforms. On Instagram and various news platforms is where

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Screen 1 - Main Auditorium
Fri. 4:00 PM
Sat. 2:30 PM
Sun. 10:00 AM
Mon. 2:00 PM (OC)

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 7:30 PM
Sat. 3:00 PM
Mon. 5:15 PM
Tues. 6:00 PM
Wed. 6:30 PM
Thurs. 6:00 PM

Barbie (PG-13) (CC) (DVS)
(2023) (114 mins)

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Mon. 11:00 AM, 5:45 PM
Tues. 6:30 PM
Wed. 5:15 PM
Thurs. 6:30 PM

Screen 2 - The Screening Room
Fri. 4:30 PM
Sat. 7:00 PM
Sun. 1:30 PM

The Room - 20th Anniversary Tour Event (R) (2003)
(91 mins) Pre-show Q&A and meet & greet with The Room star Greg Sestero!

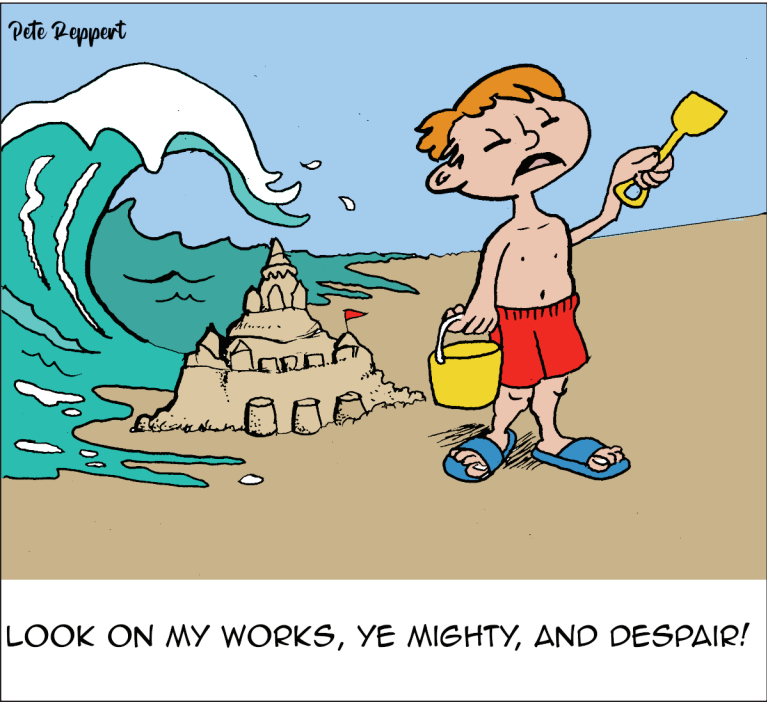
Sat. 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Stagecoach (NR) (1939)
(96 mins) Cinema Classics Lecture - Must Register Online!
Mon. 1:30 PM

What the Hell Happened to Blood, Sweat, and Tears? (NR) (2023) (112 mins)
Wed. 8:00 PM

Brave (PG) (2012) (93 mins)
Free School's Out screening sponsored by Labbe Family Orthodontics!

Thurs. 1:00 PM



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Community Events

At the Library

Regular hours at the Greenbelt Library are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather or an emergency, real-time updates to the Greenbelt Library’s schedule are posted at pgcmls.info/alerts. The Teen Action Group at the Greenbelt Library is on hiatus until the fall.

Storytimes

Friday, July 28, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555434. Monday, July 31, 10:15 a.m., ages newborn to 2. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555393. Tuesday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555472.

Books at Bedtime

Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3. Stories, music and activities for children with and without special needs. Presented by the PGCPs Infants and Toddlers Program for up to 12 community families. Register at pgcmls.info/event/8555334.

CCI Health Services Hosts Block Party



On Saturday, August 12 from noon to 3 p.m., CCI Health Services Greenbelt will host its Third Annual Block Party, at 9220 Springhill Lane. In collaboration with the City of Greenbelt, the festive block party will include food, prizes, music and more.

The Block Party encourages youth in the community to take control of their health. It will highlight CCI’s services, including confidential and free resources. Also included will be representation from other health, fitness, career and education organizations in the community.

Link to learn more: <https://cciweb.org/event/ci-2023-block-party>.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

National Night Out Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out celebrations at Schrom Hills Park were started by the Greenbelt East Advisory Board. This year students from DuVal and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools will showcase their robots at National Night Out and host a model Rotary High School Club Meeting focused on Safety, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Geby Jeff, a senior at DuVal, is the current president of Greenbelt Rotary Airtigers Interact Club.

Meditation Classes Offered via Zoom

Ever wondered what meditation is about and how it might be beneficial for you?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past eight years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes are held every other Monday from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. through August 28. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or call 301-641-1035.

Français, s’il vous plaît: French at the Café

A French conversation group meets at the New Deal Café on Thursdays at 6 p.m. All levels and ages welcome.

Wednesday Lunch At the New Deal Café

Telecommuters, retirees and all others are invited each Wednesday this summer for lunch at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway. Interested in meeting new people, building community and supporting your Café? Join us from noon to 1 p.m.

For questions contact rspeterson1@gmail.com.

Discussion on Ukraine On Sunday, July 30



PHOTO COURTESY PETER VOITSEKHOVSKY

Peter Voitsekhovsky

On Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m., Peter Voitsekhovsky will lead a discussion, Myths of the Ukrainian War. This event will take place at the Community Center, Room 202.

Voitsekhovsky, a native Ukrainian with extensive knowledge and experience, has been residing in the Washington area since 2004. He holds a doctorate in government and politics from the University of Maryland, earned in 2012. A writer and analyst at the U.S. Ukraine Foundation in Washington, he has been providing simultaneous translations in Ukrainian and Russian at conferences worldwide. A Greenbelt resident since 2017, Voitsekhovsky brings insights to the discussion.

This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the war in Ukraine.

Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Community Center beginning at 11 a.m. Meals must be reserved one week ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Greenbelt Violinist Plays on August 4

Greenbelt violinist Natalie Rose Kress will give a free performance on Friday, August 4, as part of Quartet Salonnieres. The group will present their program, called In the Shadows of Mozart, at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park. The concert will feature works by lesser-known composers from Mozart’s time played on period instruments and will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. Sponsored by College Park Arts Exchange.

Motiva Public Art: A Virtual Meeting

The Greenbelt community is invited to attend a virtual meeting with artists under consideration for a public art commission at the Motiva apartment community located on Cherrywood Lane. The meeting will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m. To receive the meeting link, sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/3vx4ny22>.

See Creative Kids Camp Performances and Art

Greenbelt Recreation’s Creative Kids Camp invites community members to attend free, family-friendly performances on the last day of each camp session. See youth ages 6 to 12 and select staffers perform Hidden Lands, an original musical written and directed by Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry.

Performances will take place at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. in the Community Center gym on Fridays July 28 and August 11. Following the 10 a.m. shows, enjoy additional short performances and an art show, as campers show off skills and creations from their elective afternoon classes.

For free tickets, visit the Community Center business office or call 301-397-2208.

Mosquito Tip of the Week: Pets and Pesticides



Did you know that pesticides sprayed on the lawn to fight mosquitoes are harmful to pets? When used in a spraying application, pesticides are usually a combination of the actual pesticide (like Permethrin) with a propellant as carrier substance and a binding agent that makes sure the pesticide remains active on the treated surface for weeks. Each of these ingredients is toxic in itself, but in combination they are even more harmful.

Try to keep dogs off treated areas and take precautions to prevent them from licking, chewing or eating any plant or grass even weeks after treatment with pesticides. Be vigilant when it comes to cats: When exposed to pesticides like Permethrin, cats often develop neurological problems like tremors, muscle twitches and seizures.

Be alert when the City of Greenbelt announces “unscheduled” Permethrin sprayings, usually in late summer and at short notice. Keep pets indoors as much as possible during and after these sprayings, and watch for signs of distress like tremors or vomiting. Seek veterinary help if these symptoms occur.

To limit the exposure of pets to pesticides, be proactive and focus on the prevention of mosquito breeding sites. Mosquito season is in high swing now, so keep checking gardens for areas of standing water and remove them diligently. To learn more or to volunteer, email GreenCAPS – Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides, at GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com.

Greenbelt Access Television

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THIS WEEK ON GATe • Your Community Access Station

Featured Film (9am, 3pm, and 8pm)
Home is a Human Right: A Series on Immigration
In this hour, we highlight several immigration stories from Brave New World Films. This selection was recently showcased at the New Deal Café's Reel and Meal event.
In order:
Can't Turn Our Backs: Syrian Refugees
Pursuing the Dream: DACA
Divided by Deportation
Immigration Stories: Teachers and Students
Immigrant Stories: Hospitals and Clinics
The Call for Sanctuary
Kharkiv, Ukraine: My Beautiful, Suffering City
Lutheran Social Services: Welcome to USA

Music from the New Deal Café (2pm, 10pm)
Skyla Burrell Band
This full-time, hardworking traveling blues band is revered for their high energy, powerful vocals, and danceable grooves!

All this and more on the GATe channel this week! Check greenbeltaccessstv.org for the full broadcast schedule, and visit Greenbelt Access Television on YouTube for new video productions.

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Obituaries

Sister Elizabeth Raffo



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Sister Elizabeth Raffo

Holy Cross Sister Elizabeth May Raffo, 90, a native of Washington, D.C., who entered her order more than 70 years ago, died July 3 at St. Mary's Convent in Notre Dame, Ind.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1932, to Aloysius and Ruth (Waters) Raffo. Her father was a pressman at the Washington Post. After graduation from high school, she worked for a year in a government office before entering the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1952. She received the religious name Sister Ronald Mary at the time of her initial profession of vows in 1955. When the option became available in the late 1960s, she returned to her baptismal name.

For the first 14 years of her ministry, she was an elementary school teacher for primary grades in schools in Alexandria, Va.; New York City; and Washington, D.C. During summers she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Dunbarton College, Washington, D.C. She had the reputation of being an excellent teacher who encouraged each student to achieve his or her potential.

From 1969 to 2002, she continued her educational ministry serving in Maryland schools as a principal and as a classroom

teacher, often simultaneously. Six years serving at Holy Cross School in Garrett Park were followed by 10 years at St. Hugh's School in Greenbelt, from 1975 to 1985. While at St. Hugh's she ministered to the youth groups of the parish. As part of her role, she played the guitar for their liturgies and accompanied them on retreats to Catoctin Mountain Park. Sister Elizabeth loved music and singing throughout her life.

With her congregation's permission, she left St. Hugh's in 1985 to care for her parents who needed assistance, especially her father. After his death four years later, she was appointed principal at St. Bernard's School in Riverdale, where she served until 1997. Her last four years in elementary education were at St. Mary's School in Landover Hills.

Due to health concerns, she moved to St. Angela Hall in Kensington, Md., in 2002, and retired to St. Mary's in Indiana in 2013.

She is survived by a younger brother, Ronald, her only sibling who lives with his wife in Fort Myers, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Sister Elizabeth's name may be made to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor Fund at cscsisters.org.

Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

In Memoriam

Steve Mayton, 1963-2023

by Rob Baluch

A good friend has moved on. He started his life in Greenbelt and finished it here too. I was sad to hear of his death on Monday, July 17, not too far past his 60th birthday.

I got to know him at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the late 70s and we always stayed in touch afterward.

He was a talented musician, website designer and curious about all the challenges of life. He loved the beach and lived in Florida for many years after leaving Greenbelt. But eventually, as he said to me, "I have lived in many plac-



PHOTO BY ROB BALUCH

Steve Mayton

es around this country only to end up back in my home town." And he realized that some things don't change. Greenbelt was still his home.


We were able to reconnect when he moved back to town a few years ago and it felt good to play music together and just be in the moment of how we both have grown and become more. I will miss his many attributes, both good and bad, but mostly I will miss him.



"Shut your eyes to estrangement, then fix your gaze upon unity. Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the well-being and tranquility of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation." – Bahá'u'lláh


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Faithfully Becoming: Lay Reflections on General Assembly 2023

with Worship Associate Carol Carter Walker

Earlier this month, PBUUC Minister Rev. Ann Kadlecck shared a clergy perspective of our denomination's annual meeting, called the General Assembly, held this year in Pittsburgh. This week, join PBUUC members and friends who attended GA in-person or virtually to get their perspectives on workshops and worship at General Assembly 2023, including possible applications for Paint Branch.

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Our condolences to the parish members and former students, faculty and staff of St. Hugh’s School on the death of former teacher and youth minister Sister Elizabeth Raffo.

We are sad to hear that Dolores Downs, a Greenbelt resident since the early 1950s, died at Riderwood Assisted Living on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of Steve Mayton, who grew up in Greenbelt and returned here in his later years.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team for winning the Saum-Hilton Memorial at last weekend’s Divisional Championship. The trophy is awarded to the team that improves the most relative to its initial seeding.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

City Notes

Greenbelt CARES handed out Senior Nutrition Program farmers market voucher booklets from the Prince George’s County Aging and Disability Resource Center to Green Ridge House and other community residents. Vouchers can be used at the Greenbelt Farmers Market to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Greenbelt Museum’s plans for the Labor Day Festival are shaping up, with at least one activity planned for each day. The Museum offered tours on Sunday, July 16, under a new system, on the half-hour starting at 1 p.m., which was moderately successful.

Public Works delivered a picnic table to the food forest at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, removed graffiti and did erosion control work at the skatepark. Nets were adjusted at Braden Field tennis courts and grass was cut, trimmed and edged at locations throughout the city. Refuse/Recycling coordinated the quarterly electronics recycling event, was recertified for the Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Partnership and the Maryland Green Registry. They collected 28.13 tons of refuse and 10.76 tons of recycled material.

Greenbelt Recreation met with the Greenbelt Station green spaces working group and provided updates on adding amenities to the Central Park area, issued the field permit for the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club football season and began session three of summer camp and Creative Kids Camp.

Park rangers documented increased deer activity at Buddy Attick Park and Braden Field, including at least two young males.

Greenbelt Farmers Market

Sundays 10a - 2p

Southway and Centerway

GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

MEETINGS FOR JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

Monday, July 31 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - CITY MANAGER QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Monday, July 31 Immediately Following Work Session, **CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTERS / DISCUSS LOGISTICS OF CITY MANAGER SEARCH / PENDING LEGAL ISSUES**

Wednesday, August 2 at 7 pm, **SPECIAL MEETING - SELECTION OF NEW CITY MANAGER AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT**

Wednesday, August 2 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - GHI**

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023, immediately following the Council Work Session – City Manager’s Quarterly Update, in the Library of the Municipal Building: 1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; and to discuss the logistics on the City Manager search.2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

** The public may attend the Council Work Session prior to the closed session and observe the vote of the Council to move into the closed session on Monday, July 31, 2023*

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

GREENBELT ARTS

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP PRESENTS: HIDDEN LANDS
All ages. FREE. Fridays, 7/28 and 8/11, 10 am & 2:15 pm
Enjoy the original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry and performed by Creative Kids Camp. For free tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center business office or call (301) 397-2208.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP
Sunday, August 6, 1 - 3 pm
Greenbelt Community Center Front Lawn
Learn how to tie dye with artist Vanessa Zanin. All ages. FREE.
Details and sign-up: <https://bit.ly/3IG02ZX>.

GREENBELT LITTLES PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Does your pre-school aged child enjoy helping you cook, like exploring, and love to learn? Then check out Greenbelt Recreation’s preschool program Greenbelt Littles Preschool.

Greenbelt Littles Preschool is a licensed traditional preschool program that focuses on social development, fine and gross motor skills, listening, and following instructions. Greenbelt Littles has a heavy emphasis on learning in a fun way! We offer preschool our program Monday through Friday at the Youth Center. Financial aid is available for eligible Greenbelt residents.

For more information, please visit our Virtual Recreation Center online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation or give us a call at (301) 397-2200.

ASK ME ABOUT ARPA

Your website for all of **Greenbelt’s ARPA projects & grants**, including:

- Greenbelt Education Scholarship Grant
- Homebuyer Grant Program
- Tree Canopy Grant
- Micro Grant
- Business Improvement Recovery Fund, Round III
- Business Capital Infrastructure Grant Program

View all grant programs at a glance at www.engagegreenbelt.org/grants. View the most recently updated ARPA programs by visiting www.engagegreenbelt.org/updates. For all up-to-date ARPA program information including project selection, project updates, department information, and more, visit www.engagegreenbelt.org.



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- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
August 22, 10 am - 3 pm

Sign-up required. To register: <https://forms.gle/AoXwyNna5XcHNYbU8>. Contact Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov

EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM
Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month.
To register: <https://forms.gle/xMhpkL765xGdN2W56>. Questions? Call (240) 542-2019.

NURSING PROGRAM
Starts in mid September
Services include bathing assistance, medication management, and more. Contact Sharon Johnson at (240) 542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov.

MY GROCERIES TO GO
Limited slots available. Participants 60+ will receive a monthly grocery box. Ccontact Brendy at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

PINK PANTRY
Assists low-income residents with access to menstrual products. To receive please register: <https://forms.gle/tUkz6k7PdvbnHDD7>. Seeking donations and volunteers. Contact Katherine at (240) 542-2019 or kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Thanks to the generous donations from our sponsors, **Law Offices of Johnine Clark and Master’s Touch, Inc.**, Greenbelt elementary and middle school students will receive backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year!

To find out how you can help, call Katherine Farzin at (240) 542-2019 or email kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 1, 6 - 8 pm

Join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, from 6-8 pm at four locations in Greenbelt: Beltway Plaza Mall, Schrom Hills Recreation Center, Hunting Ridge, and Windsor Green.

Meet with City law enforcement officers, City officials, and learn more about crime prevention and keeping safe.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/news.



TRINITY CHURCH / COMPOSTING SITE CLEANUP

AUGUST 5, 10 AM - 1 PM
TRINITY ASSEMBLY OF GOD, 7800 GOOD LUCK RD, LANHAM

Be a part of the community effort to remove illegally dumped tires from the environment. Volunteers will work with Public Works and Compost Crew staff to remove illegally dumped tires from the future location of a new composting site.

Register by contacting Luisa Robles at lrobles@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

AUGUST 17, TWO EVENTS/LOCATIONS

Community Center: 1 - 3 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 12 - 1:30 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only; must live in: Verde at Greenbelt Station, Greenbelt Station Master Association, Franklin Park, Motiva. Register by visiting <http://ow.ly/uGnV50OHgTN>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/AqNxCARjwioCntWf9>.

Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

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worked. After running the players through the Serenade for Strings by English composer Edward Elgar, Maseloff congratulated them on a great first rehearsal. “Greenbelt is already a fun place and getting to know more people in a musical context is great,” he said. “One of the best things to do is make music with your friends. It’s an inherent good to do that!”

Organizer Anne Gardner was inspired to start a community orchestra in Greenbelt by the baroque concerts Natalie Kress brought to Greenbelt in February. “It reminded me how much I missed playing in an orchestra,” she said. Growing up in England, Gardner played in community and university orchestras, and since 2010 has played in pit orchestras for musicals at Goddard Space Flight Center such as The Sound of Music and Beauty and the Beast.

Gardner advertised for members and applied to the city for Recognition Group status. This allows the group to use a room at the Community Center, where they are able to use the Greenbelt Concert Band’s percussion instruments.

Gardner assembled a planning committee including concertmas-



Seth Glabman conducts his own composition at the first Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearsal on Thursday, July 20.

ter Susan Stewart, lead cellist Katie McCarthy (also married to Maseloff), violinist Sarah Rusk and the conductors, who selected the music. The committee worked on the logistics of how to run rehearsals and how to balance the different sections of the orchestra: 30 strings, plus flutes, clarinets, bassoons, oboes, trumpets, trombones, French horns and percussion. The orchestra rehearses weekly for two hours, alternating conductors, although the wind instruments do not meet

every time. As a recognition group, the orchestra has not sought funding their first year. “No money is changing hands. All the music is public domain,” Gardner stated. “Eventually we’ll begin to collect donations and do fundraising but right now we’re keeping things really simple: we have no money and own no property.”

More information is available at greenbeltorchestra.org, and concert dates will be posted there.

WSSC Confirms Projected Plans To Demolish Lastner Lane Home

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



The house at 241 Lastner Lane, adjacent to the water tower, was recently purchased by WSSC.

On June 21, the City of Greenbelt held a worksession that included conversation with WSSC Water (WSSC) about their plans for 241 Lastner Lane, a residential property recently purchased by the water company. As reported in the July 6 News Review issue, the representatives of WSSC had little information to share, including whether or not WSSC plans to expand the driveway or demolish the house. Last week, however, WSSC shared that the plan is to demolish the home next year.

Unanswered Questions

Residents had numerous questions, ranging from WSSC’s plans for the house and whether they will hold the property in perpetuity, to whether water pressure in Boxwood is likely to be improved. Other questions included what the design and placement of a new or expanded access lane might be, whether the area along Lastner Lane would be asphalt or landscaped, was screening greenery planned to mask the commercial accessway in the residential neighborhood and any anticipated access implications for Lastner Lane that might be important for elementary school children or

emergency services.

Construction to Begin 2024

On July 21, Monica Marquina, government affairs manager for WSSC, informed the city that the project is only 35 percent through the design phase and work has not yet begun. The recent tree removal undertaken at the property was “general maintenance” and “not part of the Greenbelt Standpipe Rehabilitation Project,” shared Marquina. The trees in question posed a risk to the residence or fencing, according to Marquina. Currently residents should expect activity at the site to comprise of site visits and research. Construction is anticipated to begin in the late spring or early summer of 2024. During that construction phase “the dwelling at 241 Lastner Lane will be demolished,” stated Marquina.

WSSC says they plan to send a mailer to residents about what they should expect prior to the start of construction and will have a webpage to share project updates.



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it was, but since it appeared at the same time as the lightning strike, she figured it must be related. Nori had nothing to say about it.

Parker called her son Jamie, who also lives in GHI, to tell him what she’d seen, but knew it sounded odd. She said, “I’m not crazy, and I’m not making this up.” He came to her house and they looked around to see if there was any sign of a lightning strike or damage, but they found none inside or outside. Her daughter-in-law Amy, working from the description, googled “balled lightning” and found ball lightning, a rare and unexplained phenomenon described on Wikipedia as luminescent, spherical objects that vary from pea-sized to several meters in diameter. Parker had never heard of it.

According to a July 18, 1997, article in Scientific American, ball lightning has been seen and consistently described by people in all walks of life since the time of the ancient Greeks. “Ball lightning,” it says, “usually moves parallel to the earth, but it takes vertical jumps. Sometimes it descends from the clouds, other times it suddenly materializes either indoors or outdoors or enters room through a closed or open window.” Parker’s windows were closed.

How rare is it to see ball lightning? A September 12, 2022, article in BBC Science Focus magazine says, “A study conducted in the 1960s for the US Atomic Energy Commission found that ball lightning has been seen by five percent of the world’s population – about the same proportion as those who have seen a bolt of normal lightning strike up close.”



Ball lightning makes a grand entrance through a window in this 19th century French depiction.



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Annual Sodality Tea Party: Be-Hatted and Be-yootiful

by Mary Moien

The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Hugh’s Church hosted their annual fancy tea and hat party on May 21. The late Bridget McDermott had always dreamed of having a tea party and she brought it to fruition a number of years ago. Bridget loved a fancy tea with fancy hats. The Sodality has dedicated the annual teas to her memory.

Betty Triplett is the Prefect of the Sodality and JoEllen Sarff was the chair of the tea party committee. There were tables filled with homemade sweet and savory finger foods. And, of course, almost all of the attendees wore spectacular hats.

Robert Goldberg-Strassler, a founder of RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness), spoke on kindness which was the theme of this year’s tea. He highlighted volunteer activities in Greenbelt. Goldberg-Strassler is also the leader of the PORCH initiative which collects food each month from Greenbelt porches for the St. Hugh’s Food Pantry.



Three generations of St. Hugh’s parishioners model lovely fascinators hats at the St. Hugh’s Sodality Tea.



From left, Mary Ann Tretler, Suzanne Lomax, Linda Kelly and Betty Triplett sample scrumptious sandwiches and desserts.



From left, Donna Peterson, Sodality Tea Chair JoEllen Sarff and Sharon Miller

- Photos by Barbara Ford



Letters continued

I have regularly seen it. It is also in light blue print, which is hard to screenshot. Signatures are coming from all over the world. My fear and concern is that these petitions will be sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation by the private firm sponsoring them and an attempt will be made to claim that they reflect support from Maryland residents.

Those who care need to write to the state and federal Departments of Transportation and clearly denounce these petitions as false and misleading, and that they don’t represent those of us who will be affected by this train. We should start our campaign now. If any of you has a better suggestion, please speak out and let us hear from you.

Lois Rosado

many of which are offered at the same time, all often equally interesting. Often, these activities occur on set times of each year, such as the Labor Day Festival, so some time conflicts might never have an opportunity to be reduced. However, if community organizers could get together a few times a year, some events could be arranged to occur at slightly differently times so residents could attend both events and get more out of each as one would not have to split time between such events.

What I propose is that representatives of the various organizations get together twice to four times a year so there would be fewer events that conflict with each other. Further, in the process of learning more about other organizations and their activities, groups could work together in events with common goals. For example, there are several organizations that help distribute food. More food could be distributed if a greater number of volunteers were working together.

At minimum, folks would benefit by learning more about other organizations. It is easy to become so involved in one organization that you miss out on other groups’ programs.

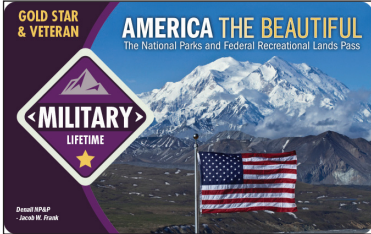
I suggest that if there is an interest in pursuing this opportunity to reach out to me at kongeneherl@gmail.com or by calling me at 301-345-9369 so a meeting could be planned. We can put together an agenda and secure a location to meet or meet via Zoom.

Konrad Herling

Creating a Council Of Organizations

Anyone who has lived in Greenbelt for a few years soon realizes that one of the key factors that make our city different from many others is the broad variety of community events,

Free Veteran Lifetime National Park Passes



The National Park Service offers free Veterans Lifetime passes as well as access passes for disabled veterans in appreciation for the sacrifice and service of those who have served in the military. Greenbelt Park rangers will be at American Legion Post 136 on Sunday, July 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. to hand out passes to veterans.

The lifetime veteran passes and access passes are also available at the Greenbelt Park ranger station near the campground. For more information, call 301-344-3944.

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Police Blotter

Incidents reported here occurred July 17-23. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Greenbelt Police Department reported two cases of child abuse; two deaths; four domestic disputes; one case of sexual assault; and one mental health diversion.

Gunshots Fired

On July 18 at 5:35 a.m. near 20 Southway, a woman stated her vehicle was shot at while driving onto the ramp to southbound 295, shattering the back passenger window. The woman could not identify where the shot may have come from.

Attempted Vehicular Assault

On July 22 at 7:48 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, after a dispute, victims said the suspect drove a vehicle toward them and was trying to hit them.

Carjacking

On July 22 at 3:31 a.m. near 20 Southway, while going up to the gas station window to pay, a man was approached by another man who reached into his waistband, implying he had a weapon. The victim told the suspect his key was broken in the ignition and the suspect fled.

Robbery

On July 19 at 3:35 p.m. near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a group of men came up behind a victim, punched him and took his shoes and iPhone. The victim refused medical attention.

On July 19 at 12:34 p.m. near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a juvenile victim said his AirPods were stolen by an unknown juvenile male who left on foot. The victim was not injured.

Animal Complaint

On July 20 at 2:51 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, a woman said her neighbors' dog attacked her dog and, when she attempted to separate them, she was bitten. Animal control was notified.

Stolen Weapon Found

On July 23 at 6:23 a.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, while cleaning up trash a mall maintenance worker noticed a gun in the parking lot. A check of the serial number revealed that it had been stolen.

Arrest

On July 21 at 9:04 a.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, a man found sleeping in the common area of a building was identified as having an open warrant; he was taken into custody and transported for processing.

Threats

On July 18 at 11:55 a.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive, a subject contacted an office by phone and made threats to harm individuals.

On July 19 at 7:30 p.m. near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a victim was threatened by someone known to them, and social media accounts were also hacked.

Missing Person Located

On July 22 at around 1:00 a.m., officers responded near 500 Crescent Road for a report of a missing person. Upon investigation, officers determined that the missing person was at a family member's residence.

DUI Arrest

A DUI Arrest occurred July 19 at 12:14 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road.

Theft and Fraud

On July 19 near 40 Ridge Road, checks were stolen and someone attempted to cash them at a location in Virginia. The bank was notified.

On July 19 near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, a package was stolen from a front door.

On July 20 near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a man left a jacket containing a wallet on his bicycle outside of a residence and it was gone upon his return.

On July 21 near 6 Plateau Place, a woman was contacted on social media by someone posing as her friend, who then obtained gift cards in the amount of \$18,000 dollars. The victim was notified by her bank of the fraud.

On July 21 at 1:38 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a woman said her wallet was taken from her purse while she was shopping; she said she was positive that she did not leave it anywhere and was not sure how this could have happened.

On July 21 near 200 Lakeside Drive, an anonymous caller reported a resident taking items from a dumpster.

On July 23 at 5:52 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to a reported theft from a business. Upon interaction with officers, the suspect began suffering from a medical emergency and was transported to the hospital. A records check returned an open warrant from D.C. but it was decided to send him for

medical treatment and apply for charges at a later date, due to his condition.

Commercial theft occurred near 6100 Greenbelt Road on July 18 at 2:55 p.m., July 21 at 8:27 a.m. and 3:03 p.m., and July 22 at 3:19 p.m. and 4:22 p.m.; near 7600 Greenbelt Road on July 17 at 9:50 p.m.; near 6200 Greenbelt Road on July 19 at 2:05 p.m.; near 7500 Greenbelt Road on July 22 at 2:19 p.m.; and near 5910 Greenbelt Road on July 23 at 10:19 a.m.

Vandalism

On July 17 near 6200 Springhill Drive, an apartment window was broken. On July 22 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a sliding door's glass was damaged.

Stolen Vehicles

Stolen vehicles included: July 17 near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, a 2019 Hyundai Elantra (MD 2DY2935); July 18 near 7900 Mandan Road, a 2019 black Kia Soul (MD 3EY5594); July 19 near 6200 Breezewood Drive, a silver 2019 Hyundai Sonata (MD 8FF2245); July 21 near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a 2004 Toyota Avalon (MD 2FC1175), stolen after being left running unattended at the gas station; July 21 near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a 2010 gray Honda Accord (MD 9FD3637); July 22 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2020 gray Nissan Altima (MD 6FG8732) was reported stolen by someone known to the victim, who had asked for the vehicle back numerous times; and July 22 near 200 Lakeside Drive, a 2019 Kia Soul (MD temp tag).

Stolen Vehicles Recovered, Attempted Stolen Vehicles

On July 17 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a 2023 Kia Forte and a 2020 Hyundai Elantra had windows broken and ignitions damaged; on July 18 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a 2022 Hyundai Elantra had a window broken and ignition cover lifted up.

On July 20 near Westway, a 2015 Hyundai Sonata involved in an earlier crash was found still running with damage to the front.

An investigation determined the vehicle had been reported stolen by the owner and was the same vehicle involved in an attempted armed carjacking in Montgomery County.

On July 21 near Westway, an Infiniti with no tags was found during patrol and had been reported stolen. The vehicle was secured, and the owner was notified.

On July 22 at 10:31 p.m. multiple unoccupied vehicles were struck on Greenbelt Station Parkway by a Jeep Grand Cherokee that had been reported stolen. A search of the vehicle revealed a handgun, burglary tools, and several vehicle key fobs.

On July 22 near Southway, a Hyundai Tucson was abandoned at the gas pump with the passenger window broken and a witness saw the suspect run towards Crescent Road.

On July 23 near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a stolen 2018 blue Hyundai was found in Lanham with a broken window and damaged ignition. Additional vehicles with ignition damaged included: July 17 near 7300 Morrison Drive; a 2012 Hyundai Veloster July 19 near 6000 Springhill Drive; and a 2018 Hyundai Accent July 19 near 8300 Canning Terrace. On July 18 near Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive, a 2016 Kia Forte was recovered after an accident with damage to the ignition.

Theft from Auto

July 18 near 6900 Hanover Parkway and July 20 near 7800 Walker Drive, two Toyota Camrys had all four wheels stolen. On July 20 near 7700 Hanover Parkway, work tools valued at over \$1,000 were taken from the covered truck bed of a 2020 Dodge Ram. On July 21 near 7800 Hanover Parkway, a Toyota RAV4 had a disability placard stolen.

Several cars had personal property stolen: July 19 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, cash and gift cards were stolen from a 2015 Nissan Altima left un-

locked; July 21 near 6500 Lake Park Drive, a 2015 Dodge Charger had a window broken and cell phone stolen; July 22 near 5900 Springhill Drive, the owner of a Toyota Corolla noticed credit cards were missing and her belongings were scattered inside of vehicle; and July 23 near 9100 Springhill Court, a 2004 Ford Focus had a window broken and wallet with credit cards stolen.

Car windows were broken: on July 19 near 6900 Hanover Parkway on a 2015 Chevrolet Van; on July 20 near Lakecrest Drive and Lakeside Drive a 2015 Nissan Rogue; on July 21 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace a 2019 Nissan Rogue and near 7800 Hanover Parkway a 2014 Ford; and on July 21 near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a 2017 Chevy SS had a window broken and items left in disarray.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on August 3, 2023

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on June 1, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) Draft MOU re: Pipe Repairs & Refurbishment Pilot Project Revised by Legal Counsel
- d) Consider the following Contracts:
 - 2023 Contract for Replacing Roofs on Masonry Units - 1st reading
 - Contract for Repairing Leaking Underground Copper Pipes at Three Sites
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- e) Personnel Matter

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Board Meeting Held on August 3, 2023
- b) Approval of Addendum for Trust Ownership and Trustee's Affidavit for two units
- d) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on June 1, 2023
- e) Review ARC & Buildings Committee Recommendations for Flat Roofs
- f) Review Architectural Review Committee's "Forever Homes" Document
- g) Proposed Revisions to GHI's Alcohol and Drug Policy for Employees
- h) Format of Future Board Meetings- Virtual or In-Person?
- i) Proposal that a GHI Representative Serve on Prince George's County's Common Ownership Community Commission
- j) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on August 17, 2023
- k) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on September 1, 2023

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movie about war. Barbie is about pink and girls and Barbie, but it's really a critique of patriarchy," said McGrath. "We were able to get them because we've always shown films by these directors."

A Challenge

That said, bringing a blockbuster to a small theater on opening weekend is a challenge. "We have to push because we only have one screen, so they tend not to pay much attention to us," said McGrath. However, she's built relationships over time and per-screen OGT does well.

Theater Clearances

The theater has shown blockbusters in the past, like Top Gun, but it wasn't able to show it opening weekend. Something called clearances usually shut out smaller theaters from mainstream commercial films. A practice known as "clearing" prevents the same film from being shown at theaters that are considered in competition with each other, usually through their geographical proximity. Beltway Plaza is less than five miles away. There, AMC Academy Theater has eight screens they can show a movie on while OGT has only one. When studios use clearances, it's hard for smaller theaters to get a film they're competing with others for. Though, for OGT, they tend to not want those mainstream productions. Sometimes, too, films go "limited" rather than "wide," explained McGrath, and "if they're limited, they open in locations like New York, L.A. and Chicago, followed by D.C. and Boston, for example, and how soon it opens in Greenbelt can depend if we're classified as the D.C. area or not."

At the Box Office

OGT held six shows of each movie over the weekend. By Monday, Barbie had grossed \$4,847, Oppenheimer \$4,245. On an average weekend good ticket sales at OGT would be closer to \$1,000. How much of the weekend's sales OGT gets to keep will depend on calculations involving how well the movies do nationwide; ironically, the better a movie does the less the theater gets to keep. Ten percent will go to the state as an Admissions and Amusement tax and about 60 percent of the remainder (depending on overall nationwide grosses)

will go back to the studios. OGT will keep about 30 percent of its ticket sales.

Big Movies, Big Bucks?

Despite the long lines and packed seats, strictly in terms of ticket sales, the big movies aren't highly profitable at the small theater because of the terms from the studios, said McGrath. The sale of concessions helps and certainly donations and memberships. "We're a nonprofit because we can't survive on ticket sales," said McGrath. "Donations are really what keep us afloat." The theater lost members during the pandemic and is still down over 1,000 that haven't returned, thus drawing on the theater's dwindling reserve funds.

For this past weekend, a series of unusual aspects to the two arty blockbusters and the way they were released all aligned to make them available and desirable for Greenbelt. "It's unusual for studios to do it and it's unusual for us to try to do it," said a tired McGrath, of the double blockbuster weekend that Greenbelt was able to enjoy.

Both Barbie and Oppenheimer are currently scheduled to run through Thursday, August 3 at OGT.



Li'l Dan Celdran, left, Deborah Bustin and Rose Marghi are ready to enjoy Barbie at Old Greenbelt Theatre.

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Free Campers Program Presents Gentle Breezes and Imagination

by Rebecca Squire

This summer at the Greenbelt Community Center, Creative Kids campers are transporting family and friends to a world of gentle breezes, glorious sunshine, dancing stars, laughter and imagination. This Friday marks the third of four show days for the all-camp production of Hidden Lands. Campers ages 6 to 12 participate in show rehearsals along with other daily arts and performance activities over the course of four two-week sessions. Performances are free and open to the public.

Hidden Lands is an original musical written by Performing Arts Coordinator Chris Cherry, and directed by Cherry in collaboration with drama instructor Claudia Carter. Cherry's prolific body of original work has been enjoyed by Greenbelters for more than 20 years. His songs are so catchy that it is very common to hear them being sung by campers during art classes and in the Community Center hallways over the course of the summer.

Hidden Lands follows the adventures of three school children as they dream about magical worlds and find themselves transported to the Island of the Sun where they meet a band of pirates, songbirds, island dwellers, the Phoenix and even Prince Charming.

While there, they are sent on a quest where they learn the importance of imagination and inclusion. Camper Lucy Bindel, age 11, has played two of the students this summer – Rose in Session 2, and her favorite character, Ramona, in session 1. “I loved her development from start to finish,” she said.

Many of the Creative Kids campers have been attending the camp for several years, like Jharina Ojha, age 11, who played the role of Rose in the first session and Nobeard the Pirate Captain in the second session's performances. “It was hard work,” she says, “but also so much fun because my friends and I would practice lines together ... I have been doing CKC for a long time and would love to be in another musical! I just love CKC!”

Staff, Volunteers

The fabulous cast of campers is supported by an equally enthusiastic team of Recreation staff and community volunteers. Behind the scenes, Production Designer Nicole DeWald and volunteers Doriann Asch, Chris Corson, Judy Goldberg-Strassler, Jan Morrow and Katherine Siniuk have created magical design elements and costume pieces. Several staffers are contributing their performance skills on stage as part of the cast, including counselors Maeve Ballentine as the Phoenix and Creedence Jackson as Prince Charming. Art instructor Vanessa Daelemans and counselor Madeleine McComb are alternating in the role of the children's teacher, Ms. Pritkin. The role of the West Wind is danced by Viola Pitts, the camp dance instructor and show choreographer. In the first session, Chris Cherry, Claudia Carter and Paul Mitchell (music teacher and vocal coach) made special appearances as the Terrible Pirate Band, led by camper Micah McFarland in



Nobeard the Pirate and the Terrible Pirate Band

an impassioned turn as Nobeard. Music Director Stefan Brodd, who created the piano arrangements and deftly accompanies all the performances, has been supporting Greenbelt Recreation musicals for more than 20 years.

First Year

Carter and Mitchell, both professional educators with Prince George's County Public Schools, are making their debuts this year with Creative Kids Camp. Mitchell comments: “Working on Hidden Lands with Chris Cherry has been a dream come true ... It has been a wonderful but challenging experience, as we only have two weeks or 10 weekdays to put on a show, sometimes we even do it in nine days. At first, I didn't know if this could easily be accomplished; however, my doubts were put to ease by the workmanship and prowess of this wonderful organization.” Carter adds: “My first year at CKC has been a blast! It has been a wonderful experience to collaborate with a staff jam-packed full of artists to educate and inspire the next generation of talent. This is my first time directing a musical with a rotating cast and it has had its triumphs and challenges but I am so appreciative to be working with a cast of campers who have all shown such attention to detail and focus which has been a vital element to producing the musical Hidden Lands every two weeks. The cast has been stellar, breathing so much life into the musical in every rehearsal, watching them take care of one another on and off stage, basking as they display so much growth in two weeks.” “It's been a privilege to direct them,” said Mitchell.

Family Support

The camp staff note with ap-

preciation the support of parents and siblings who help the campers with speaking roles learn their lines. April Crompton is the mother of Gabe Crompton, age 11, who played the role of Alfred in Session I. “He stayed up late several nights to run through the lines with me!” she recalls. “He kept saying, ‘let's do it again, mom!’ I'm so proud of how hard he worked. I think Chris Cherry and the CKC team are magical! They create an environment for the kids that helps them feel comfortable in an environment that a lot of us would find scary. It seems to me that the kids know a performance is supposed to be about having fun, and they know they can count on the team to back them up if they run into a snag on stage. These performances are truly a joy to watch!”

See a Performance

Free tickets are available for the four remaining performances of Hidden Lands on Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. and Friday, August 11 at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. The show is performed in the Community Center gym at 15 Crescent Road. For tickets, visit the Community Center business office, or call 301-397-2208. After the morning performances, enjoy exciting bonus presentations by campers in CKC's afternoon circus and dance classes. View campers' fine art, digital art and ceramic art creations in an exhibit after the morning show and before the afternoon performance.

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Island Breezes perform Listen to the Breeze.



Island of the Sun residents perform with a sun puppet that was created by the Festival Arts Class.



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